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#### **Delaware**

Regional Administrator Approves Delaware CAFO Regulations - On January 19, 2011, Regional Administrator Garvin sent a letter to Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Secretary O'Mara approving the State's adopted amendments to their Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) regulations. These amendments bring Delaware's regulations into compliance with the 2008 federal CAFO regulations and provide the framework for Delaware's individual CAFO permits. (Amie Howell, 215-814-5722)

### Maryland

Maryland Proposed FY13 Budget - Governor O'Malley presented the Maryland Fiscal Year 2013 proposed budget on January 18, 2012. The Governor announced that the proposal includes \$25 million for the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund to support urban and storm water projects, agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs), and targeted innovative practices within watersheds. The Governor reports that the budget also includes \$36.6 million to preserve approximately 8,100 acres through the Rural Legacy Program and state Program Open Space; \$28 million in capital projects to improve the health of the Bay by upgrading storm water infrastructure; \$23 million for State Park improvements, green projects and upgrades; \$18 million for the cover crop program, which enrolled a record 567,000 acres last year; \$8 million for oyster restoration; and \$5 million

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in new operating funding to implement the Watershed Implementation Plan. (Linda Miller, 215-814-2068)

## Pennsylvania

Representative Critz Calls Meeting on Mining Permits - Representative Mark Critz called a meeting with EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) January 16, 2012, to discuss the permit review process for the Cumberland Mine and other Pennsylvania mining permits. The Congressman had concerns about the length of time it took for EPA to review the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit, and wanted to encourage future efficiencies and collaboration between EPA and PADEP staff on pending mining permit reviews. The Congressman vowed to be vigilant on the mine permit review and commenting process and wanted to ensure that EPA was doing everything in its power to review permits in a timely manner. (Jessica Greathouse, 304-224-3181).

Congressional Outreach on Water Sampling in Dimock, Pennsylvania --On Thursday, January 19, 2012, the Pennsylvania Liaison contacted staff from the offices of Senator Casey and U.S. Representative Marino regarding EPA Region III plans to begin water sampling and provide water to some residences in Dimock, Pennsylvania. Dimock is located in Congressman Marino's district. Senator Casey's staff had made several inquiries requesting updates on the survey that began in the area in late December. In addition to this targeted outreach, the Region's press release was shared with staff of the rest of the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation. As of Friday morning, there have been no follow-up inquiries. (Jennie Saxe, 215-814-5806) Stacie Driscoll, Director

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